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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: SAFETY AT MIRABEL AIRPORT

1. CANADIAN MEDIA GIVING PROMINENT PLAY TO STATEMENT BY LONDON-BASED INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF AIR LINE PILOTS ASSOCIATION (IFALPA) THAT MONTREAL'S MIRABEL AIRPORT IS THE MOST DANGEROUS IN CANADA. STATEMENT REPORTEDLY CITES SIX "LOSSES OF SEPARATION"--NEAR MISSES--IN AIR NEAR MIRABEL IN RECENT MONTHS, POOR COORDINATION IN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, AND LACK OF NEARBY MEDICAL FACILITIES, AS BASIS FOR GIVING MIRABEL A "RED STAR" RATING (ACCORDING TO PRESS, SAME AS THAT OF JFK AIRPORT IN NEW YORK). PRESS REPORTS TRANSPORT MINISTER LANG AS DENYING KNOWLEDGE OF IFALPA REPORT AND OF ITS RATING SYSTEM AS WELL AS STATEMENTS BY MOT OFFICIALS RESPONDING TO CRITICISM BY ASSERTING FACILITIES MEET ALL RELEVANT STANDARDS. ISSUE WAS INCONCLUSIVELY RAISED IN PARLIAMENT MARCH 29.

2. COMMENT: THERE IS NO SCHEDULED SERVICE TO MIRABEL BY U.S. AIRLINES, BUT THERE ARE OCCASIONAL U.S. CHARTER
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AND GENERAL AVIATION MOVEMENTS THERE. BILINGUAL QUESTION IN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL DOES NOT APPEAR INVOLVED IN IFALPA STATEMENT.

3. COPIES OF CLIPPINGS BEING FORWARDED TO OA, NTSB, AND FAA. ENDERS

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